

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

HAEBERLIN ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: UNKNOWN

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FOR: ENTERIC-COATED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert after the title, -- This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/469,536, filed December 22, 1999, ^{now USP 6,172,107} which is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/077,398, filed May 28, 1998, ^{now USP 6,025,139} which is a 371 of PCT/EP97/01800, filed April, 10, 1997. --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-7.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a mycophenolate salt, the composition being adapted to prevent release mycophenolate in the stomach [upper part of the intestinal tract].

Please add claims 8- 20 as follows:

8. The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition has an enteric coating and said enteric coating comprises cellulose acetate phthalate and trimellitate, or methacrylic acid copolymers containing at least 40 % methacrylic acid, or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate.